

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
LOK SABHA**

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RAISING LEVEL OF SPORTS
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the talented youths of the country are not given proper opportunity to take active part in sports at school or college level;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the requisite funds are not allocated either by the State Government or by the Union Government;
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether the Union Government proposes to allocate special funds for raising the level of sports in school and college level;
- (f) if so, the details thereof; and
- (g) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVI RAJ CHAVAN)

(a) & (b): 'Sports' is a State subject and promotion of the same at State level is the responsibility of the concerned State Government. However, the Government of India through various schemes implemented by Sports Authority of India (SAI), augments the efforts of the State Government in providing opportunities to talented youths to take parts in sports at school level. Following schemes are implemented :-

1. National Sports Talent Contest (NSTC)
2. Rural Sports Programme
3. Sports Scholarship Scheme
4. Promotion of Sports and Games in Schools

(c) & (d) : Following allocations have been made for the above schemes in the last three years :-

(Rs. In lakhs)

Name of the scheme	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05
National Sports Talent Contest	140.00	230.00	225.70
(NSTC)			
Rural Sports	100.00	125.00	135.00

Programme			
Sports	344.00	283.00	550.00
Scholarship			
Scheme			
Promotion of	103.00	125.00	125.00
Sports and			
Games in			
Schools			

(e) to (g) : Union Government is already implementing the above four schemes of NSTC, Rural Sports Programme, Sports Scholarship Scheme, Promotion of Sports and Games in Schools through SAI.